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Toda (US 5,838,088) discloses a device for sensing a touch position (Fig. 5) by detecting a phase difference between a phase of a base signal and a phase of an electric signal corresponding to a sensor (column 10, lines 56-57). However, Toda is silent about calculating at least two phase differences between the phase angles of at least two pairs of sensors to determine a contact position.

Wood et al. (US 6,414,673) discloses a device for determining the location of a transmitter pen (Fig. 1) by using the difference in the phase of the arriving output signal (16) at each receiver (20a) and (20b) (column 5, lines 33-36). However, the output signal (16) is transmitted by the pen (30) and not (supported) by the member (14). Wood et al. is also silent about calculating at least two phase differences to determine the pen position.

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